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SUBJ: CODEL PERCY DISCUSSION WITH LDP SEC-GEN NAKASONE-FOREIGN
OFFICE BRIEFING

1. FOLLOWING ARE THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF CODEL PERCY'S DISCUSSION WITH
LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) SECRETARY GENERAL AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
MEMBER YASUHIRO NAKASONE. THE DISCUSSION WAS HELD FROM 1430
TO 1500, AUGUST 1, 1975 AT THE OKURA HOTEL.

2. ASKED WHAT JAPAN EXPECTED FROM THE PENDING SUMMIT MEETINGS BETWEEN

PRESIDENT FORD AND PRIME MINISTER MIKI, NAKASONE RESPONDED THAT THIS
SUMMIT MEETING DIFFERED FROM ITS PREDECESSORS ON THAT THERE WERE NO
OUTSTANDING ISSUES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. NAKASONE SAID HE PERSONALLY
HOPED THAT THE TWO MEN WOULD ESTABLISH A WARM PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP AND
THAT THERE WOULD BE A FRANK AND FULL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON NORTHEAST ASIAN
SECURITY, AND ESPECIALLY THE KOREAN SITUATION.

3. ASKED WHETHER JAPAN BELIEVES THE U.S. COMMITMENT TO IT REMAINS
CREDIBLE, NAKASONE REPLIED "YES", WE BELIEVE THE U.S. WILL FULFILL ITS
COMMITMENT TO JAPAN. NAKASONE ADDED THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME DISMAY IN
JAPAN FOLLOWING THE COLLAPSE OF INDOCHINA, BUT THAT PRESIDENT FORD'S FIRM
HANDING OF THE MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT HAD REASSURED NAKASONE PERSONALLY OF THE
ABILITY AND INTENTION OF THE U.S.

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TO MEET ITS COMMITMENTS.

4. ASKED WHAT THE CONGRESSIONAL GROUP SHOULD DISCUSS WITH THE CHINESE,
NAKASONE SAID THAT A REDUCTION OF TENSION IN THE KOREAN

PENINSULA DEPENDS ON RETRAINING THE NORTH KOREANS AND THE CHINESE ARE ABLE TO INFLUENCE THEM. HE SUGGESTED , THEREFORE, THAT THE CONGRESSIONAL GROUP MIGHT WISH TO URGE THE CINESE TO PACIFY THE NORTH KOREANS. HE MENTIONED IN PASSING THAT IN LDP DELEGATION HAD RECENTLY VISITED PYONGYANG AND SPOKEN WITH PREMIER KIM-IL-SUNG BUT THAT NOTHING NEW WAS LEARNED.

5. ASKED ABOUT JAPAN'S RELATIONS WITH CHINA, NAKASONE SAID THAT JAPAN IS CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING A PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY WITH THE CHINESE. PROGRESS HAS BEEN STALLED, HOWEVER BY CHINESE INSISTENCE ON THE INCLUSION OF AN ANTI-HEGEMONY CLAUSE WHICH THE JAPANESE BELIEVE WILL ANGER THE SOVIET UNION. THUS A FIRM PREDICTION CONCERNING CONCLUSION OF THE TREATY IS NOW IMPOSSIBLE. NAKASONE ADDED THAT OTHERWISE, SINO-JAPANESE RELATIONS ARE GENERALLY SATISFACTORY.

6. TOLD THAT THE U.S. WOULD GIVE JAPAN NO MORE "SOYBEAN SHOCKS," NAKASONE SAID THAT HE WAS DELIGHTED WITH THE U.S. AWARENESS OF JAPAN'S NEEDS AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT JAPAN MIGHT BUY MORE SOYBEANS FROM THE U.S. HE NOTED THAT IT IS PROBABLY DIFFICULT FOR THE U.S. NEARLY SELF-SUFFICIENT IN RAW MATERIALS, TO APPRECIATE JAPAN'S CONCERN ABOUT PRIMARY PRODUCT IMPORTS. HE THOUGHT THIS MIGHT BE ANOTHER IMPORTANT THEME IN THE MIKI-FORD CONVERSATIONS.

7 ASKED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT SOUTH KOREA'S IMPORTANCE TO JAPAN'S SECURITY, NAKASONE SAID SIMPLY THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL TO THE SECURITY OF JAPAN.

8 ASKED WHAT ROLE THE U.S. SHOULD PLAY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, NAKASONE SAID THE U.S. SUPPORT AND PROTECTION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES IS STILL ESSENTIAL. HE NOTED THAT JAPAN IS PREPARING TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH NORTH VIETNAM AND ESTABLISH AN EMBASSY THERE SOON, BUT THERE IS NO FIRM TIMETABLE. STILL TO BE DECIDED IS THE

AMOUNT OF AID JAPAN SHOULD EXTEND TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE.

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9. EXPLAINING THAT HE HAD TO SEE THE PRIME MINISTER OFF FOR THE U.S. NAKASONE APOLOGIZED FOR HAVING TO LEAVE AFTER SUCH A BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION.

10. FOLLOWING ARE THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE BRIEFING OF CODEL PERCY HELD FROM 1700 TO 1815, AUGUST 1, 1975, AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE.

11. AFTER SENATOR PERCY, IN OPENING REMARKS , STRESSED THE CONTINUING PRIMARY IMPORTANCE OF JAPAN TO THE U.S. DESPITE CURRENT FACINATION WITH THE PRC, HE COMMENTED THAT THE CONGRESSIONAL GROUP INSISTED ON VISITING JAPAN ENROUTE TO CHINA TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF U.S JAPAN RELATIONS AND ALSO TO LEARN TO GOJ'S VIEWS ON CHINA.

12. AFTER WELCOMING THE DELEGATION, VICE FOREIGN MINISTER TOGO DISCUSSED THE SITUATION IN ASIA FOLLOWING THE END OF THE VIETNAM WAR. HE STRONGLY URGED THE U.S. TO "REMAIN IN ASIA" BECAUSE A CONTINUED U.S. PRESENCE IS VITAL TO PEACE AND STABILITY IN ASIA. MR. TOGO HIGHLIGHTED INCREASED TENSIONS ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA, NOTED THE IMPORTANCE TO JAPAN'S OWN SECURITY OF STABILITY AND PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA, AND EXPRESSED THE STRONG HOPE THE U.S. WOULD MAINTAIN TROOPS IN THE ROK AND CONTINUE ITS OTHER

FORMS OF SUPPORT. HE COMMENTED ON RISING COMPETITION FOR INFLUENCE IN ASIA BETWEEN CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION. CHINA'S INSISTENCE ON INCLUSION OF AN ANTI-HEGEMONY CLAUSE IN THE PROPOSED PRC-JAPAN PEACE AND AMITY TREATY, AS WELL AS IN OTHER COMMUNIQUEs WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS, IS A MANIFESTATION OF MAJOR CONCERN IN PEKING OVER RUSSIAN ATTEMPTS TO EXPAND ITS INFLUENCE IN POST-VIETNAM ASIA AFTER THE HELSINKI SUMMIT. TOGO DESCRIBED THE SOVIET ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY PROPOSAL AS BASICALLY A TWO-PRONGED SOVIET EFFORT, ON THE ONE HAND TO ENCIRCLE CHINA AND, ON THE OTHER, TO REDUCE AND SUPPLANT AMERICAN INFLUENCE IN ASIA.

13. AT MINISTER TOGO'S SUGGESTION AND IN RESPONSE TO INTEREST EXPRESSED BY THE CONGRESSMEN, CHINA DIVISION DIRECTOR FUJITA DISCUSSED THE SUCCESSION ISSUE IN THE PRC. FUJITA SINGLED OUT DEPUTY PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING, CCP VICE CHAIRMAN WANG HUNG-WEN, AND VICE CHAIRMAN CHANG CHUN-CHIAO AS THOSE BEST POSITIONED TO RULE CHINA AFTER THE DEATH OF MAO AND CHOU. FUJITA EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT WANG, BECAUSE OF

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HIS RELATIVE YOUTH, WOULD GAIN THE TOP PARTY JOB AFTER MAO. IN RESPONSE TO ANOTHER QUESTION, FUJITA REVIEWED FAMILIAR EXPLANATIONS OF LIN BIAO'S COUP ATTEMPT AND FLIGHT. HE NOTED THAT THE MONGOLIANS CLAIMED NO ONE OVER AGE 50 WAS ABOARD THE TRIDENT WHICH SUPPOSEDLY CARRIED LIN BIAO TO HIS DEATH IN THE MONGOLIAN DISASTER.

14. RESPONDING TO QUESTIONING ABOUT HOW THE U.S. COULD ENCOURAGE CHINA TO RESTRAIN KIM IL-SUNG FROM MILITARY ADVENTURE AGAINST THE ROK, MINISTER TOGO COMMENTED THAT PEKING MAINTAINS A VERY RIGID POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE KOREAS, BUT HE THOUGHT THE U.S. SHOULD CONTINUE TO DISCUSS MEANS FOR REDUCING TENSIONS IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA WITH THE CHINESE. PERHAPS EVENTUALLY THE CHINESE MIGHT BE PERSUADED THAT KIM'S RIGID POSITIONS WERE NEITHER IN THE INTEREST OF PEACE OR OF CHINA. THEN CHINA MIGHT TRY TO CHANGE KIM'S THINKING. IN THE MEANTIME, TOGO EXPRESSED THE CONVICTION THAT CHINA WOULD BE COMPELLED TO SUPPORT NORTH KOREA EVEN IN RISKY GUERRILLA ACTIONS AGAINST SOUTH KOREA IN ORDER TO KEEP MOSCOW FROM GAINING PREDOMINANT INFLUENCE IN PYONGYANG.

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